ECCLESIASTICAL COURTS (IRELAND).

ABSTRACT

OF

RETURN to an Order of the Honourable The House of Commons, dated 29 April 1850;—*for*,

RETURN "of the NAME of every PERSON holding OFFICE in each ECCLESIASTICAL COURT in *Ireland*, and of the Style and Duties of such Office, and a Description of the Tenure of the same; and in case any Office therein shall be performed by Deputy, the Place of Residence of the Principal Holder, and, the Nature of the Arrangement entered into with the Principal by the Deputy performing the Duties of such Office:"

"Of the SCALE of FEES demanded in respect of the proving of WILLS or of the granting of LETTERS of ADMINISTRATION, whether in Common or Solemn Form, or in any contested Suit relating thereto, distinguishing the Offices in the Court in respect of which same shall be demanded, and the Amount of such FEES received in each of the Three Years ending the 1st day of April 1850, and of the Application of the same:"

"Of the NAMES of all CONTESTED SUITS depending in the COURT OF PREROGATIVE in *Ireland*, and in the CONSISTORIAL COURT of *Dublin*, on the 20th day of April 1850, or at any Time within One Year previous to that Date, and of the Date of the First Proceeding taken in such Suits respectively, and of the Number of Court or Office Rules entered therein:"

"Of the Number of PROCTORS practising in each ECCLESIASTICAL COURT in *Ireland*, and of the SCALE of FEES allowed on Taxation to such PROCTORS in relation to any Business transacted by them; and a Copy of any ORDER authorizing the demanding or Allowance of such FEES:"

"And, of the Number of BILLS OF COSTS TAXED in the COURT OF PREROGATIVE and HIGH COURT OF DELEGATES in *Ireland*, and in the CONSISTORIAL COURT of *Dublin*, in each of the Three Years ending the 20th day of April 1850, and the NAMES of the CAUSES respectively in which same were Taxed; and a RETURN of the Amount demanded at Foot of each Bill of Costs, and of the Amount disallowed by the Officer on such Taxation, and of the Name of the Officer taxing same."

(*Mr. Keogh.*)

Ordered, by The House of Commons, *to be Printed*, 31 *July* 1850.

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COURTS.	NAME OF OFFICER, AND BY WHOM APPOINTED DUTIES PERFORMED, AND FEES RECEIVED, during the Three Years ending 1 April 1850.							
	NAME OF PERSON Holding the Office, with Place of Residence.	From whom the Office is Held, or by whom Appointed	DUTIES.	Whether performed by Deputy, and if so, on what Terms.	TOTAL FEES Received for Three Years, ending 1 April 1850.			
						£.	s.	d.
PREROGATIVE COURT OF IRELAND:								
Judge	Right hon. Rich. Ennis	Held by Patent from the Crown, on the appointment of the Primate of all Ireland	Judicial functions appertaining to his office, and regulations of the ministerial acts of the Court.		1848	3 183	10	3(a)
					1849	2,072	4	1(a)
					1850	3,050	3	–(a)
Registrar	Wm. Smart, of 18, Bill-street, Berkeley-square, London.	Held by Patent from the Crown, on the appointment of the Primate of all Ireland.		By deputy; the Registrar pays his deputy one-fourth of all fees received after deducting 400 l. into Irish exchequer, for the expenses of the office.	1848	3,481	16	–
					1849	3,327	3	–
					1850	3,303	11	3
Deputy Registrars	M. Kenrick and A. J. Mawhinn, Notaries Public, Dublin.	Appointed by a deputation from the Registrar.	General supervision and regulation of the Prerogative Office; attendance in the Office, and in Court, Taxation of Costs, Searching Examinations, &c. and receipts and examinations of all Accounts and Documents		1848	1,757	13	1
					1849	1,693	3	16
					1850	1,832	1	3
Examiners of the Court	H. J. M. Mason and R. C. Bowen	During the will and pleasure of the Judge.	Examining Witnesses either in Dublin or elsewhere.	—	—	—		
Marshal of the Court	Alex. Robinson	Appointed by the Primate of all Ireland, under Seal of the Court of Armagh.	Attendance during the Sitting of the Court, administering Oaths, and preserving order.		1848	179	16	3
					1849	171	3	3
					1850	195	13	6
Clerk of the Seal	Alex. Mackay	Appointed by the Deputy Registrars in 1830.	Preparing and filling up Forms, and Special Processes, making out Fees, and assisting at the Taxation of Costs.					
Chief or Record Clerk	Rich. Smith	Appointed by the Deputy Registrars in 1838.	The receipt and custody of all Original Wills and Records of the Court, and Duties pertaining thereto.		1848	1 126	17	6
					1849	1,132	13	4
					1850	963	6	3
Clerks	Rich. Dickson	Appointed by the Deputy Registrars in 1832	Official duties generally					
	Sam. Roberts	ditto in 1837						
	Hen. Richardson	ditto in 1842						
	Hugh Carley	ditto in 1844						
Cashier and Book-keeper			Cashier and book-keeper, and attendance on the public.					
Crier	Jas. Carroll	Appointed by the Marshal	Crier	—	—	—		
Proctors	Twenty six, viz. W. T. Barlow, J. Grier, T. Hamilton, J. Hamilton, sen., J. Hamilton, jun., B. Hone, F. Hutchinson, W. S. Kisdale, J. Moore, R. Orme, W. Pain, H. Radcliff, J. Rogers, A. Samuels, J. Stack, G. F. Sweetenham, J. Swift, R. Swift, A. Crosby, T. Tilly, C. Wells, R. Worthington, T. Worthington, F. Dwyer, E. J. Irwin, J. Tumley	—	—	—	—	—		

(a) The accounts here given were paid to the Paymaster of Civil Services on account of the office of Judge. The sums assigned to the other officers were those actually paid to them, and which, with sundry payments for stamps, stationery and servants, amounted in 1847 to 3,136 l. 5s. 1d.; in 1848 3,778 l. 19s. 9d., and in 1849 to 3,066 l. 12s. 10d., being the total fees received in each of those years. The Accounts are made up to the 5th April in each year.

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1.—ABSTRACT OF RETURN of the Name of every Person holding Office in each Ecclesiastical Court in *Ireland*, Style and Duties of Office, &c.—*continued.*

COURTS.	NAME OF OFFICER, AND BY WHOM APPOINTED, DUTIES PERFORMED, AND FEES RECEIVED during the Three Years ending 1 April 1850.					
	NAME OF PERSON Holding the Office, with Place of Residence.	From whom the Office is Held, or by whom Appointed	DUTIES.	Whether performed by Deputy, and if so, on what Terms.	TOTAL FEES Received for Three Years, ending 1 April 1850.	
PROVINCE OF ARMAGH.						
DIOCESAN COURT OF ARMAGH.						
Judge	Jos. Radcliff, LL.D., Vicar-general of the Diocese, Upper Mountcashel, Dublin.	Holds his office during life	Judge of all matters, whether in the contentious or voluntary jurisdiction, or connected with the government of the Diocese.			
Surrogate	Rev. Alex. Irwin, A.M., Armagh	Appointed by the Vicar-general, which he holds during pleasure.	Duties of the office in Armagh		1848	264 12 9
Registrars (Joint)	J. G. W. Brydges, Wotton-court, Canterbury, and Geo. Scott, Armagh.	Appointed during life	No duties are performed by Mr. Brydges; he receives an annuity of £56 L. out of the entire proceeds of the office.	A Deputy is appointed, but the duties are performed by Mr. Scott.	1849	136 19 —
Deputy Registrar	Rob. Riddell		The duties are performed by one of the Registrars		1850	178 4 4
Apparitor	Chas. Kane, Armagh	Appointed by the Primate, and holds his office during pleasure.				
Proctors	Three; viz., J. Barrett, J. M'Kinstry, and J. Stanley Armagh	—	—	—	—	—
No Bills of Costs have been taxed for more than 20 years.						
DIOCESAN COURT OF CLONMORE:						
Vicar-General and Principal Judge of the Court	J. O. Radcliff, LL.D., 31, Upper Mount-street, Dublin	Holds the office for life	Gives directions and orders in reference to all matters, whether of voluntary or contentious jurisdiction.	Half the fees received are allowed to the Principal Surrogate.	1848	67 10 —
Principal Surrogate	Rev. R. L. Tottenham, A.M. Donamaine, near Carrickmacross.	Holds by Commission from the Vicar-general during pleasure.	In the absence of the Vicar-general presides as Judge and discharges the duties.		1849	54 17 —
					1850	56 15 2
Second Surrogate	Rev. Ben. Moffitt, A.M., Rector of Monaghan.	Holds by Commission from the Vicar-general during pleasure.	Presides as Judge and signs instruments in the occasional absence of the Principal Surrogate.			
Principal Registrar	Rev. J. G. Perrin, Rector of Killaloe, at his Glebe-house, near Tullach, County Tyrone.	Appointment is for life.				
Deputy Registrar	Maurice Durnell, Monaghan	Appointed in 1843		Pays an annual rent of 50 L. in lieu of Registrar's fees.	1848	266 13 9½
					1849	223 15 6
					1850	151 1 3
Proctors	Messrs. Jas. Mitchell, and Wm. Jobb.	—	—	—	—	—
DIOCESAN COURT OF MEATH:						
Vicar-General	Ven. H. A. Stopford, Archdeacon of Meath.	Appointed for life				
Surrogate	Rev. Rich. Egan, A.M.	By appointment of the Vicar-general appointed 1842.				
Registrar	Rev. Geo. Robinson	Appointed for life			1848	94 11 3
					1849	60 14 —

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Deputy Registrar	J. W. Bourke, Esqrs.	Appointed 1820	—	—	At a fixed salary of 40 *l.* per annum, and allowance of 6*s.* 8*d.* by the Proctors on every administration and probate.	1820	38 10 -
Apparitor	Wm. Jones	Appointed by Vicar-general	—	—	—	—	—
Proctors	Two; names not given.	—	—	—	—	—	—
Diocesan Court of Derry:							
Vicar-general	Rev J. S. Knox, Maghera, Derry	—	—	—	The duties are chiefly performed by the Surrogate or Deputy, who presides as Judge in the Diocesan Court. (*b*)	—	—
Surrogate	Rev Geo. Smyth, the Surrogate is usually a Canon of the Cathedral Church of St. Columb's, Londonderry	Appointed by the Vicar-general, and holds the office during his pleasure.	Presides in the Diocesan Court, and grants probates, citations, &c., under the Consistorial Seal.	—	—	—	—
Registrar and Principal Scribe	Jas. Galbraith	Patent Commission for life; confirmed by the Dean and Chapter	To prepare and attest all documents, to preserve the records, and attend the sittings of the Court.	—	—	—	—
Proctors	Eight, names not given.	—	—	—	—	—	—

No Costs have been taxed for the last three years.

Diocesan Court of Raphoe:							
Vicar-general	Rev Wm. Knox, Clonleagh, Donegal.	Appointed by the Bishop, and confirmed by Dean and Chapter for life.	Assists the Lord Bishop at the visitations of the Clergy, holds Courts, grants probates, &c.	The Surrogate performs all the duties, except assisting at the visitations he has a salary of 64 *l.* and certain fees	1848 1849 1850	93 0 11 10 10 4 10 17 2
Surrogate	Rev Jas. Irwin, Raphoe	Sworn into office in 1817, and admitted subsequently by two Vicars-general.	Performs the duties of the Vicar-general	—	A salary of 24 *l* yearly is allowed by the Judge as the Surrogate, who is also the Seal Keeper		
Seal Keeper to the Vicar-general	Rev. Jas. Irwin	Holds office at will of Vicar-general.	Affixes Court seal to all documents, and is allowed to receive all the seal fees for his trouble.	—	1848 1849 1850	1 12 - - 14 - - 10 -	
Registrar	W Fenwick, Greenhill, near Raphoe	For life, by appointment from late Bishop, confirmed by Dean and Chapter	Preparing and registering commissions, institutions, &c. for the Clergy, attending Courts, and registering wills, &c.	By deputy, with an allowance of half the fees.	1848 1849 1850	41 0 0 32 - 0 30 11 6	
Deputy Registrar	Wm Wilson, Raphoe	Appointed by the Bishop in 1821 with the consent of the then Registrar and sanctioned by the present Registrar. He has a locality from the Prerogative Court to act as Notary Public.	Performs all the duties of the Registrar	—	Is allowed half of all the Registrar's fees.		
Apparitor	Dav Gordon, Raphoe	Appointed four years ago	Keeps the Court	—	1848 1849 1850	1 14 0½ 1 9 0 1 - ½	
Proctors	Two; names not given.	—	—	—	—	—	

(*b*) The officer making the return states, that he has been reason to believe that the Surrogate receives a yearly salary from the Vicar-general, and a small proportion of the fees payable.

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COURTS.	NAME OF OFFICER, AND BY WHOM APPOINTED, DUTIES PERFORMED, AND FEES RECEIVED, during the Three Years ending 1 April 1850.					
	NAME OF PERSON Holding the Office, with Place of Residence.	From whom the Office is Held, or by whom Appointed.	DUTIES.	Whether performed by Deputy, and if so, on what Terms.	TOTAL FEES Received for Three Years, ending 1 April 1850.	
DIOCESAN COURT OF DOWN and CONNOR:						
Vicar-general	Rev Edw. Cupples, D.D., including the office of Official Principal, Chancellor and Commissary	Tenure by patent from the late Lord Bishop of Down and Connor	To hear and determine all cases within the jurisdiction of the Court. The Court is held once a fortnight, and on chambers daily, from 10 to 4.		1848 1849 1850	£17 12 2(a) 444 21 6 354 13 10
Registrar	Rev Jas. Alexander, M.D., and M T Higginson, A.M.	By Letters Patent from the Bishop of Down and Connor for the life of the longest liver	General Surbon, Accounts and Public Registrar, Keeper of the Registries, Acts, &c., exhibited within the Diocese.	The fees are all received by H. T Higginson, the Acting Registrar, out of which he pays the Joint Registrar (who never acts) 1844 Rev S.A. per annum or about one-sixth and all expenses, as rent, clerks, &c.	1848 1849 1850	£42 6 6 695 6 —(b) 626 16 11(b)
Apparitor	Archibald M'Abe, Lurgan	By appointment from the Vicar-general of Down and Connor	To attend the Court, which is held once a fortnight, to open and close the business thereof, and to serve citations, &c		1848 1849 1850	21 11 6 16 6 3 14 9 1
Proctors	There; names not given.	—	—	—	—	—
DIOCESAN COURT OF DROMORE						
Vicar-general, Official Principal, Commissary and Chancellor	Rev H S. Hamilton, A.M.	Held for life, under patent	Granting probates, &c., and sitting in Court	No deputy	1848 1849 1850	71 16 6 53 6 3 67 2 11 2½ per cent. of these is paid to Seal Keeper
Registrar	M. A. Smith at present at Leamington and his address in Kildare street Club, Dublin	Held for life under patent	To attend daily in the Registry Office, grant probates, &c. and transact all the business of the office; to attend the visitations and Consistorial Courts, and at excess visits of churches to attend all collations, &c. ordination and licensing of curates, &c., and preserve the records of the Diocese.	By deputy [reserving two-thirds of all fees, excepting fees on copies of documents, and for attendance at Courts of Justice, after deducting 6d. for expenses.	1848 1849 1850	134 6 6 95 16 — 65 11 2 One-third is paid to Deputy Registrar
Deputy Registrar	Hugh Stewart	During the will and pleasure of the Registrar.	All the duties of the Registrar; he has the custody of the records, and keeps the registry in an office of his own.			*See supra.*
Seal Keeper	Hugh Stewart	During the pleasure of the Vicar-general.	To affix the seal of the Court to all documents	No deputy; the Seal Keeper in addition to his own fees receives 2½ per cent. on all fees received for the Vicar-general.	1848 1849 1850	6 2 — 5 14 6 5 18 6 not including 2½ per cent from Vicar-general.
Notary Public and Proctor of Office	F H. O'Flaherty	For life	(c) To prepare and attest all documents	No	1848 1849 1850	65 10 6 80 6 11 76 14 1 Including contested suits.

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Apparitor	Jno. Bradshaw	During will and pleasure of the Vicar-general.	To serve processes and summonses, and attend the sittings of the Court.	No	1848	4 7 0	
					1849	3 3 —	
					1850	3 7 0	
Proctor	Two viz., F. H. O'Flaherty and Robt. Morris.		Limited to practice in contentious jurisdiction.	—	—	—	
Diocesan Court of Kilmore:							
Vicar-general	The Ven. Archdeacon Beresford, D.D.	For life, unless forfeited by some dereliction of duty		The Surrogate performs the entire duty of Judge in granting probates and administrations, receiving one-third of the fees chargeable, and the Vicar-general the remaining two-thirds.	Year ending 1st May—		
					1848	40 15 8	
					1849	30 19 4	
					1850	31 14 4	
Surrogate	Rev. T. Carson, LL.D., Cavan	ditto	See Vicar-general		1848	24 10 10	
					1849	10 0 0	
					1850	10 10 2	
Registrar	Robt. Erskine, F.P., Cavan	ditto	The duties of the office		1848	74 13 0	
					1849	53 7 0	
					1850	32 11 0	
Apparitor	Jno. Swanly, Cavan	ditto	ditto			The Apparitor is entitled to 1 s. on each probate or administration.	
Proctor of Office	Saml. Swanny, C.E., Cavan	ditto	ditto.		—	—	
Proctor	Maurice Reskine, Cavan.	—	—	—	—	—	
Diocesan Court of Ardagh:							
Vicar-general and Judge	The Very Rev. Rich. Murray, Ardagh	During life		The Vicar-general gives one-third of his fees to his surrogates.	1848	44 12 11	
					1849	33 17 4	
					1850	28 1 0	
Surrogate or Deputy Judge	Rev. R. J. Card	During pleasure of Vicar-general		See supra.	—	—	
Registrar	Geo. Hearn	During life	Custody of the records of the Diocese	By principal	1848	94 7 11	
					1849	54 8 7	
					1850	39 19 4	
Apparitor	Jas. Canning	During pleasure of Vicar-general			1848	4 7 0	
					1849	2 7 0	
					1850	2 12 0	
Proctors	None.	—	—	—	—	—	
Diocesan Court of Elphin:							
Vicar-general	Rev. H. Hoek, Virginia.	—	—	—	—	—	
Surrogates	Rev. J. Marion, Strokestown; Rev. Dr. Gillmer, Sligo; Rev. Hugh Murray, Aldcross.	—	—	—	—	—	
Registrar	Jas. Leslie, Kilmore			Performed by the Deputy Registrar.	—	—	
Deputy Registrar	E. D. Kenny, Elphin.	—	—	—	—	—	
Apparitor	Michl. Lord, Elphin	—	—	—	—	—	

(a) These amounts are payable to the Vicar-general, and to which he is entitled; but in many cases considerable abatements were made.

(b) The Registrar states, that the two last years of this return do not present a fair average of the fees usually received, owing to the depression prevailing.

(c) These duties have appertained from time immemorial to the Proctor of the office, who has a stated portion of the fees on probates and administrations. The practice of the other Proctors is limited to the numerous business of the Court to which the Proctor of the office is also entitled.

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COURTS.	NAME OF OFFICES, AND BY WHOM APPOINTED, DUTIES PERFORMED, AND FEES RECEIVED, during the Three Years ending 1 April 1860.					
	NAME OF PERSON Holding the Office, with Place of Residence.	From whom the Office is Held, or by whom Appointed.	DUTIES	Whether performed by Deputy, and if so, on what Terms.	TOTAL FEES Received for Three Years, ending 1 April 1860.	£. s. d.
Diocesan Court of Tuam:						
Vicar-general	J. R. Joly Rathangan	For life			1840	40 8 4
					1849	33 19 0
					1850	38 10 0
Surrogate	Rev. Jas. Gilbraith, Tuam	By appointment, during pleasure		Half fees.	—	—
Registrar	Rev. Jas. Lancaster, Abbeylara	For life			1849	52 14 6
					1849	40 15 10
					1850	38 19 0
Deputy Registrar	Rev. R. J. Clarke, Tuam	By Bishop's appointment during pleasure.		Half fees.	—	—
Apparitor	Jas. Faulkner, Tuam					Average for the three years, 7*l.* 1*s.*
Proctors	Three; viz. D. B. Porter, Tuam; Richd. Savage, Tuam; Bernd. Murphy, Galway.					Average for the three years, each 20*l.*
Diocesan Court of Killala and Achonry:						
Vicar-general	J. R. Joly, LL.D., Rathmines-road, Dublin, and Tuam.	For life				For the three years, 27*l.* 4*s.*
Surrogates	Rev. Arch. Moore, Ballina, and R. W. Eaton Stanford.	During pleasure				
Registrars	Fred. and Saml. Stack, Ballina	For life				For the three years, 30*l.* 0*s.* 4*d.*
Chief Keeper	Fred. Stack	For life				
Proctors	None.					
	No Costs taxed.					
Diocesan Court of Clonfert and Kilmacduagh:						
Vicar-general	Rev. W. Roe, A.M., Roscrea	For life		His Surrogate has half the Court fees	1846	59 - -
					1849	67 - -
					1850	32 - -
Surrogate	Rev. J. C. Walker, A.M. Ballinasloe.	During pleasure of Vicar-general	Deputy of the Vicar-general for granting probates, &c.	See supra.	1849	60 - -
Registrar	Rev. Edw. Eastgate, A.M., Castle Town, near Killaloe.	For life			1849	76 - -
					1850	46 - -
Deputy Registrar	Rev. F. T. Crampton, A.M., Aughrim	During pleasure of Registrar		Has equal share of Court costs.	—	—
Proctors	Two; viz. Edw. Blake, Solicitor of Ballinasloe.	For life				For the three years, 149 - -
	Thos. Hyde, Ballinasloe, Public Notary	For life			1849	60 - -
					1849	50 - -
					1850	54 - -
Apparitors	W. Storey, Ballinasloe, Timothy M'Dermot, Clonfert.	For life			1848	5 - -
					1849	4 - -
					1850	9 - -

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PROVINCE OF DUBLIN

Diocesan Court of Dublin:						
Vicar-general and Official Principal, Chancellor and Commissary general of and throughout the Province and Diocese, and Diocese of Glendalagh.	Jas. Radcliff LL.D. and c.c.	For life	Granting probates, &c., hearing and determining all causes in the Courts, holding criminal and sessional visitations, and other usual duties.	In person	1848 1849 1850	399 3 3 254 3 - 285 - 4
Principal Registrar	Rev C. C. Beresford, County Tyrone.	For life	-	By deputy	1848 1849 1850	220 0 10 265 17 3 285 3 3
Deputy Registrar	Jas. Samuels, Notary Public	Deputation from Principal Registrar, under seal of the Court.	To act in Court, enter and record all orders, &c.; summon witnesses in this country and other places, sign and authenticate all documents, register and record all matters connected with granting probates, &c. tax all costs, and other minor duties.	-	1848 1849 1850	79 10 0 (a) 80 7 0 78 14 8
Accountant	Edw. Laughlin	Appointment made under hand and seal of the principal Registrar	To receive all Fees, and distribute them to the various officers, and keep the accounts generally	In person	1848 1849 1850	60 0 0 (b) 60 11 0 68 0 0
Clerks in Office of Registrar	Dan. Meeks, J. H. Samuels	Appointed by the Registrar with the approval of the Judge.	-	In person	1848 1849 1850	55 10 10 41 11 11 50 3 3
Apparitor	-	-	-	-	1848 1850 1860	17 7 8 13 3 - 18 14 6
Proctors	Twenty-four; names not given.	—	—	—	—	—
Diocesan Court of Kildare:						
Vicar-General, Official Principal and Chancellor	Rev Chas. Crosthwaite, Lackagh, near Kildare.	Appointed for life	-	Has no deputy	1848 1849 1850	7 0 - 3 17 4 0 4 4
Registrar	Rev John Burrow, Kildare	Appointed for life	Also acts as Apparitor and Clerk the fees being too trivial to support such officers.	-	1848 1849 1850	8 10 - (c) 4 0 - (c) 13 - - (c)
Proctor	John Richardson	—	—	—	—	—
Diocesan Court of Ossory:—No Return.						
Diocesan Court of Ferns and Leighlin:—No Return.						

(continued)

(a) In addition to these sums, the Deputy Registrar received, in 1848, 241 l. 13s. 2 d.; in 1849, 153 l. 18s. 0 d. and in 1850 231 l. 5 s. 0½ d.

(b) The Accountant also receives 20 l. per annum out of the office fees.

(c) In addition to the above sums the Registrar received 34 l. 14 s. 3 d. in the three years, for extracting probates and administrations and making copies of wills and searches.

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I.—ABSTRACT OF RETURN of the Name of every Person holding Office in each Ecclesiastical Court in *Ireland*, Style and Duties of Office, &c.—*continued.*

COURTS.	NAME OF OFFICER, AND BY WHOM APPOINTED DUTIES PERFORMED, AND FEES RECEIVED, during the Three Years ending 1 April 1850.					
	NAME OF PERSON Holding the Office, with Place of Residence.	From whom the Office is Held, or by whom Appointed.	DUTIES.	Whether performed by Deputy, and if so, on what Terms.	TOTAL FEES Received for Three Years, ending 1 April 1850.	£ s. d.
DIOCESAN COURT OF CASHEL:						
Vicar-general	Rev. Chas. Mayne, A.M., Killiala	—	— Presiding in Court, granting probates, &c., and the usual duties of Judge of Consistorial Court. All the duties of the Judge.	— By Surrogates. The fees are equally divided between them. —	1848 1849 1850	175 14 1 (a) 38 10 6 45 0 7
Surrogate	Rev. Geo. Lawlors, A.M., Cashel	—	— Attending Court as Cashel, moving probates, &c., making searches and recording wills, &c., and the various duties of the Diocesan Registrar	In person	1848 1849 1850	110 19 8 (a) 69 7 3 98 12 6
Registrar (b)	J. L. Hickey, Notary Public, Waterford.	— Appointed for life by commission from Archbishop of Cashel.	—	—	—	—
Proctors	Two vacant, J. D. White, Jno. Graham, Attorney	—	—	—	—	—
Not having had a plenary cast for many years, Costs have seldom been taxed.						
DIOCESAN COURT OF WATERFORD AND LISMORE						
Vicar-general and Judge	R. J. Hobson, A.M.	— Appointed by commissions for life, 26 May 1838.	— Presiding in Court, granting probates, &c., and the usual duties of Judge of Consistorial Court.	In person	1848 1849 1850	118 8 8 68 1 10 84 6 4
Junior Registrars	J. L. Hickey, Notary Public, Waterford. Rev. J. Fleury, Belleek, County Fermanagh.	Appointed by commissions for life	— Daily attendance in Consistorial Office, Waterford, entering caveats, making searches, and the various duties connected with wills and administrations, entering and recording all acts of Court, and other minor duties.	— The entire duties are performed by J. L. Hickey, for which the Rev. J. Fleury pays him £84, per annum of his moiety of the fees.	1848 1849 1850	183 10 8 111 6 6 150 13 4
Proctors	Three vacant. Mich. Mariner, Solicitor; Edwd. Elliott, Solicitor; Arthur Smith, Solicitor; Wm. Delaneke, Solicitor; R. W. Cherry, Solicitor	—	—	—	—	—
Costs have seldom been taxed, the business being principally common form.						
DIOCESAN COURT OF CORK AND ROSS:						
Vicar-general	— Venerable Samuel Moore Kyle, D.D., Cork.	For life	Hearing and determining all ecclesiastical suits.	In person	1848 1849 1850	114 10 0 84 16 1 88 18 5
Surrogate	Rev. Henry Jellett, M.A.	—	—	—	—	—
Registrar	— Henry Stopford Kyle, Lincoln's-Inn, London.	Held by patent for life	—	The Registrar and Deputy Registrar divide the net fees of the office equally	1848 1849 1850	249 13 9 136 14 2 107 14 11
Deputy Registrar	William Colburn Bennett, Notary Public, Cork.	For life	— The completing, certifying and explaining all probates and letters administration, granting copies of wills, making searches, and certifying affidavits for probates and administrations, attending the Court, &c.	—	—	—

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Chief Clerk and Assistant in the Office	D. J. O'Keefe	For life	To prepare all the business of the Court previously to its being submitted to the Surrogate for seal and signature.		1848	16 15 5	
					1849	5 17 5	
					1850	6 5 -	
Apparitor	Richard Nill	For life	To attend the Vicar-general, serve citations, &c.		1848	6 13 4	
					1849	4 13 4	
					1850	5 5 -	
Proctors	Six; names not given.	—	—	—	—	—	
DIOCESAN COURT OF CLONFERT:							
Vicar-general	Ven. S. M. Kyle, Cork	Held for life	Hearing and determining all ecclesiastical suits	On important occasions he attends personally; and when absent the duties are performed by his Surrogate, who receives a salary of 20 *L.* a year	1848	53 15 -	
					1849	61 10 5	
					1850	89 4 3	
Surrogate	Rev. Wm. Rogers.	—	—	—	—	—	
Registrar	J. R. Williamson, Waterford	Held for life	Issuing and attesting all probates and administrations, making copies of Wills, attending in Court, registering proceedings, &c. &c.	Has been performed by deputy for the last year, who receives the whole emoluments	1848	154 10 -	
					1849	130 - -	
					1850	116 6 6	
Deputy Registrar	Jno. Wilkinson.	—	—	—	—	—	
Apparitor	Hon. Baker		Serving citations and attending the Court and sisters in preparing their business.		1848	7 5 6	
					1849	4 16 -	
					1850	5 17 6	
Proctors	Seven, names not given.	—	—	—	—	—	
DIOCESAN COURTS OF KILLALOE AND KILLFENORA:							
KILLALOE:							
Vicar-general	Rev. S. H. Payne, A.M., Dunkerrons, Killaloe.	For life	Power to take cognisance of all suits and complaints belonging to the office; to order the registration of Wills, &c.; grant administrations, and all powers usually granted to Vicars-general in Ireland.	Duties performed by Surrogate, allowing him one-third of the profits.	1848	54 18 -	
Surrogate	Rev. Wm. Edwards, A.M., Killaloe	Appointed by Vicar-general, during pleasure.	To perform the above duties, particularly granting probates, &c.	See above	1848	35 6 4	
					1850	53 3 4	
KILLFENORA:							
Vicar-general	Ven. Jno. Whitty, A.M., Archdeacon of Kilmacs	For life	Same powers as Vicar-general of Killaloe	In person			
Registrar of Killaloe and Killmacs	Rev. Richd. Martin, Notary Public	For life	—	In person	1848	75 15 3	
					1849	55 4 9	
					1850	46 14 4	
Proctor	One; name not given.	—	—	—	—	—	
No applications have been made for taxation of Costs.							
DIOCESAN COURT OF LIMERICK:							
Vicar-general and Official Principal of the Diocese and Judge of the Court.	Ven. J. W. Forster, D.C.L., Aghadoe, Kerry	By appointment from the Lord Bishop of Limerick for life.	Granting probates and administrations, and marriage licenses, and presiding in the Court; his jurisdiction extends over the entire Diocese, and his judgments are appealable to appeal. Performs the duties of the Vicar-general during his absence.		1848	59 11 6	
					1849	44 12 3	
					1850	60 14 6	
Surrogate	Rev. H. H. Ross, M.A., Limerick	Appointed by the Vicar-general during his will and pleasure, subject to the approval of the Lord Bishop of Limerick		Is paid 25 *L.* per annum whether the Vicar-general performs the duties or not.	—	—	

(continued)

(a) In all cases where the parties are unable to bear the expense, no fees are charged by Judge or Registrar.

(b) On the death of the last Archbishop of Cashel in 1836, the fee of Cashel was reduced to a Bishopric, by which all fees and rights granted to the Registrar as Metropolitan Registrar, were transferred to the Registrar of the Archbishop of Dublin. The Registrar states that the fees received in the three years ending April 1850, averaged but 27*l.* 15*s.* 4*d.*, but the average of the five years, returned in 1844 was 171*l.* 4*s.* 4*d.*

(c) In all cases where the parties are unable to bear the expense no fees are charged by Judge or Registrar.

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1.—ABSTRACT of RETURN of the Name of every Person holding Office in each Ecclesiastical Court in *Ireland*, Style and Duties of Office, &c.—*continued.*

COURTS.	NAME OF OFFICER, AND BY WHOM APPOINTED, DUTIES PERFORMED, AND FEES RECEIVED, during the Three Years ending 1 April 1850.					
	NAME OF PERSON holding the Office, with Place of Residence.	From whom the Office is Held or by whom Appointed.	DUTIES.	Whether performed by Deputy, and if so, on what Terms.	TOTAL FEES Received for Three Years, ending 1 April 1850.	
						£ s. d.
DIOCESAN COURT OF LIMERICK—*continued.*						
Registrar of the United Dioceses of Limerick, Ardfert and Aghadoe.	J. M'Mahon, Limerick	For life	Granting administrations and proving wills, and the other duties of a Registrar.	Performs the duties in person, and is always resident.	1848	79 0 4(a)
					1849	85 5 6(a)
					1850	[illegible] 8(a)
Deputy Registrar for the Diocese of Ardfert and Aghadoe.	Jeffrey Eagar, Tralee	Appointed by the Registrar during his will and pleasure, subject to the approval of the Bishop of Limerick.	Performs all the duties in his portion of the Diocese.	Receives all the emoluments arising from his duties, they are not interfered with by the principal.		
Apparitor in Court	Jos. Kang Moore	Holds his office during pleasure, and is removable at the discretion of the Court; he is also Clerk to the Registrar's office.	Attends the Court during its sittings		1848	3 5 –
					1849	3 16 –
					1850	3 6 6
Proctor	Owen name not given.	—	—	—	—	—
DIOCESAN COURT OF ARDFERT AND AGHADOE (b)						
Vicar-general	Rev. Arthur Irwin Dean of Ardfert, Kilgobbin, Kerry	Holds his office by commission, from the Lord Bishop of Limerick, for life.	Grants probates and administrations and licenses for marriage, and hears and determines all causes.		1848	161 3 4
					1849	97 1 0
					1850	61 6 –
Surrogate	Rev. Arthur Blennerhassett Rowan, M.A., Tralee.	Holds his office from the Vicar-general subject to the approval of the Lord Bishop of the Diocese.	Similar duties to those of the Vicar-general	Receives one-fourth of the net profits	—	—
Registrar of the United Dioceses of Limerick, Ardfert and Aghadoe.	Jeremiah M'Mahon, Limerick	For life	Keeps a registry for the Limerick portion of the Diocese at Limerick.	Performs the duties immediately appertaining to the Consistorial Court of Ardfert, and to the granting probates and administrations of the Diocese of Ardfert and Aghadoe, by deputy	—	—
Deputy Registrar	Jeffrey Eagar, Tralee	During the will and pleasure of his principal.	Performs all the duties of the Registrar in that portion of the United Dioceses of Limerick, Ardfert and Aghadoe under his care.	Retains to his own use all the fees and emoluments arising thereby.	1848	289 16 1
					1849	164 4 4
					1850	194 14 6
Apparitor, and Clerk in the Registry Office	James Eagar	—	—	—	—	—
Proctors	None.	—	—	—	—	—
ECCLESIASTICAL COURT OF THE EXEMPT JURISDICTION OF NEWRY AND MOURNE.						
Vicar-general	Dan. Eagar, A.M.	Appointed by the Trustees of the Earl of Kilmorey's (Lord Abbot of Newry) Estates.	Grants probates and letters of administration, and holds a Court when necessary		(c) Average for the three years is about 20 l.	

(a) In addition to the above, the Registrar received, in his capacity of Proctor of Court, in 1848, 177 *l.* 14*s.* 10 *d.*; in 1849, 139 *l.* 19*s.* 8 *d.*; and in 1850, 180 *l.* 5*s.* and for Clerk's fees, 1848, 64 *l.* 7*s.* 6 *d.*; 1849, 47 *l.* 17*s.* 6 *d.*; and 1850, 62 *l.* 17*s.* 6 *d.*

(b) In the Diocese there is no settled amount of fees to be taken on proving wills or granting letters of administration, the assets in each case determine the charge; in some cases 5 *s.* only was charged, and the highest for the last three years was 6 *l.* 16 *s.*, exclusive of stamp duty

(c) The Return (from the Vicar-general) states that there is every prospect of a future increase, the average number of probates and letters of administration being from eight to ten in each year

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2.—ABSTRACT of RETURN of the NAMES of all CONTESTED SUITS depending in the COURT of PREROGATIVE in *Ireland*, and in the CONSISTORIAL COURT of *Dublin*, on the 20th day of April 1850, or at any Time within one Year previous to that Date, and of the Date of the First Proceeding taken in such Suits respectively, and of the Number of Court or Office Rules entered therein:—And, of the Number of BILLS OF COSTS TAXED in the COURT OF PREROGATIVE and HIGH COURT OF DELEGATES in *Ireland*, and in the CONSISTORIAL COURT of *Dublin*, in each of the Three Years ending the 20th day of April 1850, and the NAMES of the CAUSES respectively in which same were Taxed; and a RETURN of the Amount demanded at Foot of each Bill of Costs, and of the Amount disallowed by the Officer on such Taxation, and of the Name of the Officer taxing same.

COURTS.	NUMBER of Causes pending on 20 April 1850.	TOTAL Number of Rules taken in the said Causes, up to 20 April 1850.	NUMBER OF BILLS OF COSTS TAXED from 20 April 1847 to 20 April 1850.			
			1847–48.	1848–49.	1849–50.	TOTAL.
COURT OF PREROGATIVE OF IRELAND	(a) 43	1,123	30	34	28	92
CONSISTORIAL COURT OF DUBLIN -	17	507	9	9	11	29
HIGH COURT OF DELEGATES - - -	- - -	- - -	5	6	(b) 13	21
TOTAL - - -	60	1,630	44	46	52	142

(a) This embraces only such causes as negative issue has been joined in, omitting Creditor and Administration Suits, and such like, which are opposed, though not technically "contested."

(b) In two instances Bills have been twice taxed; 1st, as between party and party; 2dly, as between Proctor and Client. In this Abstract each Bill so taxed is entered as two Bills.

SUMMARY:

Showing the TOTAL NUMBER of OFFICERS (exclusive of Proctors) in each ECCLESIASTICAL COURT in *Ireland*, and the AMOUNT of FEES received by them in each of the Three Years ending 1 April 1848, 1849 and 1850.

COURT.	Number of Officers.	AMOUNT OF FEES RECEIVED: 1848.	1849.	1850.
		£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.
PREROGATIVE COURT OF IRELAND - - -	14	8,693 6 9	8,362 16 5	7,703 16 2
PROVINCE OF ARMAGH:				
ARMAGH DIOCESAN COURT - - - - -	6	295 12 5	133 18 –	178 4 4
CLOGHER " " - - - - -	5	344 3 9	278 12 6	168 1 5
MEATH " " - - - - -	3	94 11 8	90 14 –	55 15 –
DERRY " " - - - - -	3	—	—	—
RAPHOE " " - - - - -	6	78 4 7	40 17 10	38 7 3½
DOWN AND CONNOR DIOCESAN COURT - - -	4	1,383 12 5	1,095 6 –	979 18 10
DROMORE DIOCESAN COURT - - - - -	6	274 8 2	208 8 8	189 11 2
KILMORE " " - - - - -	5	149 1 –	116 18 –	65 4 –
ARDAGH " " - - - - -	4	143 8 4	80 13 5	89 18 4
ELPHIN " " - - - - -	7	—	—	—
TUAM " " - - - - -	5	100 12 10	82 5 3	66 19 11
KILLALA AND ACHONRY DIOCESAN COURT - - -	6	- - -	- - -	(a) 63 12 4
CLONFERT AND KILMACDUAGH DIOCESAN COURT -	6	115 – –	117 – –	80 – –
PROVINCE OF DUBLIN.				
DUBLIN DIOCESAN COURT - - - - -	6	787 1 9	716 14 1	727 10 –
KILDARE " " - - - - -	3	18 – –	8 5 4	21 1 4
OSSORY " " - - - - -	—	—	—	—
FERNS and LEIGHLIN DIOCESAN COURT - - -	—	—	—	—
CASHEL - - - - " " - - -	3	231 4 7	142 17 8	101 17 10
WATERFORD AND LISMORE DIOCESAN COURT - -	3	275 15 8	166 11 6	264 19 8
CORK AND ROSS - - - " " - -	8	372 16 4	253 1 –	278 6 2
CLOYNE - - - - - - " " - -	5	231 7 6	176 14 2	158 7 2
KILLALOE AND KILFENORA " " - - -	4	131 8 3	85 11 1	77 – 8
LIMERICK - - - - - " " - - -	6	142 8 10	102 14 2	134 3 4
ARDFERT AND AGHADOE " " - - -	5	356 19 5	230 5 10	262 3 5
NEWRY AND MORNE, ECCLESIASTICAL COURT OF THE EXEMPT JURISDICTION OF - - - - -	1	20 – –	20 – –	20 – –
TOTAL - - - £.	123	14,267 4 4	12,513 3 11	11,726 6 4½

(a) For the Three Years.

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